

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** Level(3) North Market Boulevard RD1000 Undercrossing (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-15786-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at the East Drainage Canal in the Natomas community within the City of Sacramento, in the County of Sacramento, State of California; Latitude 38.646930, Longitude - 121.507178, along Arena Boulevard approximately 500 feet east of the intersection of Arena Boulevard and Truxel Road.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-15786-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project applicant, LUMEN Communications, as represented by Marlo Shelton.

The project is limited to the installation of approximately 1.4 miles of three 1.5-inch diameter high density polyethylene conduits containing new underground fiber optic lines underneath E. Commerce Way, Arena Boulevard, and North Market Boulevard. A section of the project along Arena Boulevard would run underneath the East Drainage Canal. Conduits will be installed using a directional drilling system that is capable of horizontally drilling a pilot hole between underground access vault locations without disturbing the ground surface between access vaults. Access vault locations that will be created as a part of the project include two new 30-inch by 48-inch handholes and 6 new 4-foot by 4-foot manholes. After the pilot hole is drilled, the new conduit will be drawn through the hole and later fiber optic cable is drawn through the conduit. No surface ground disturbance is required between access vaults. Where the project would cross the East Drainage Canal, the directional bore path would be 30 feet below the channel and run in between bridge columns. No impacts to the East Drainage Canal or associated habitat are anticipated.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** LUMEN Communications

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15304)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is a minor alteration resulting in the installation of three 1.5-inch diameter optic lines in an existing urbanized area. The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees nor are habitat impacts anticipated.

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